

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Post Office Building" (passed by a ye and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 407);

**Pages H6386–87, H6424–25**

**Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** H.R. 4554, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building";

**Pages H6387–89**

**Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000:** H.R. 2909, amended, to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption; and

**Pages H6389–99**

**Debt Relief Reconciliation Act:** H.R. 4866, amended, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(b)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt (passed by a ye and nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 409).

**Pages H6437–38**

**Suspension Proceedings Postponed—Drug Addiction Treatment:** The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2634, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to registration requirements for practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs in schedule IV or V for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment. The Chair postponed further proceedings until Wednesday, July 19.

**Pages H6374–77**

**Extension of Trade Waiver Authority to China:** The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 103, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China by a ye and nay vote of 147 yeas to 281 nays, Roll No. 405.

**Pages H6399–H6424**

**Marriage Tax Penalty Elimination Reconciliation:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 4810, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Archer and Representatives Arney and Rangel.

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Rejected the Cardin motion to instruct conferees to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference to maximize the amount of marriage penalty relief provided to middle and low income taxpayers, to minimize the additional marriage bonuses provided to taxpayers already receiving marriage bonuses under current law, and to resolve the differences in effective dates and phase-in amounts in a way which takes into account fiscal responsibility by a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 408.

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Agreed to H. Res. 553, the rule that provided for consideration of the motion to go to conference on

the Senate amendments to the bill. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 550 was laid on the table.

**Pages H6432–34**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Taliban:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Taliban (Afghanistan)—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–268).

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on page H6471.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6423, H6424, H6424–25, H6436–37, and H6437–38. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:07 p.m..

## Committee Meetings

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Ordered reported a measure (H.R. 4871) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

### MEDICAID PROVIDER ENROLLMENT: ASSESSING STATE EFFORTS TO PREVENT FRAUD

**Committee on Commerce:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on "Medicaid Provider Enrollment: Assessing State Efforts to Prevent Fraud." Testimony was heard from Thomas T. Kubic, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations Division, FBI, Department of Justice; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health, GAO; the following officials of the State of California: Kathleen Connell, Controller; and Alan Cates, Chief, Medicaid Fraud Bureau; Ruben King-Shaw, Executive Director, Agency for Health Care Administration, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

### MERCURY IN MEDICINE—ARE WE TAKING UNNECESSARY RISKS?

**Committee on Government Reform:** Held a hearing on "Mercury in Medicine—Are We Taking Unnecessary Risks?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Ramona Provato, Director, and Michael Firestone, Science Director, both with the Office of Children's Health Protection; and William Egan, Acting Office Director, Office of Vaccine Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Roger H.

Bernier, M.D., Associate Director, Science at the National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Marie Bristol-Power, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—GAO**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held an oversight hearing on "The U.S. General Accounting Office." Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; the following former Comptroller Generals: Elmer Staats and Charles Bowsher; and a public witness.

#### **INTERNET LEGISLATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1686, Internet Freedom Act; and H.R. 1685, Internet Growth and Development Act of 1999, Part 2. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin and Eshoo; William Kennard, Chairman, FCC; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 4700, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 4700 and H.R. 1293, Transportation Employee Fair Taxation Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird and McCarthy of Missouri; Audrey Langworthy, member Senate, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

#### **LOWER DELAWARE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT; STEENS MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2317, Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and H.R. 4828, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Senators Smith of Oregon and Wyden; Representatives Walden of Oregon, Blumenauer and Greenwood; from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Molly McUsic, Counselor to the Secretary; and Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service; Ronald M. Sworen, Mayor, Frenchtown Borough, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### **RUSSIAN-AMERICAN TRUST AND COOPERATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4118, Russian-American Trust and Cooperation Act of 2000. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order an amendment in

the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record, if offered by Representative Gejdenson or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, the text of H.R. 4843 as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Gutknecht, Rangel and Sanders.

#### **CONFERENCE REPORT—DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Murtha.

#### **SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on the legislative day of July 19, 2000, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 4810, the Marriage Tax Penalty Elimination Reconciliation Act of 2000.

## LINEAR NO-THRESHOLD MODEL OF LOW-DOSE RADIATION

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Reexamining the Scientific Basis for the Linear No-Threshold Model of Low-Dose Radiation. Testimony was heard from Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## FINANCING COMMERCIAL SPACE VENTURES

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Financing Commercial Space Ventures. Testimony was heard from Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecom Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

## GRADE-CROSSING WHISTLE BAN LAW IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on the Implementation of the Federal Railroad Administration Grade-Crossing Whistle Ban Law. Testimony was heard from Speaker Hastert; Representatives Hyde, Biggert, Kucinich, Crane, Rush, and Gutknecht; Jack Wells, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Thomas J. Coyne, Mayor, Brook Park, Ohio; Robert Blomquist, Mayor, Olmstead Falls, Ohio; Rita Mullins, Mayor, Palatine, Illinois; Judith Rice, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois; Richard Mathias, Chairman, Commerce Commission, Illinois; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4850, Veterans Benefits Act of 2000; and H.R. 4864, Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on adapting a 1930's financial reporting model to the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the National Science Foundation, focusing on current research activities, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the status of the Biological Opinions of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operations of the Federal hydropower system of the Columbia River, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold oversight hearings on the Fish and Wildlife Services's administration of the Federal Aid Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine giving permanent normal trade relations status to Communist China, focusing on human rights, labor, trade and economic implications, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings on certain legislative proposals and issues relevant to the operations of Inspectors General, including S. 870, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and an Administrative proposal to grant statutory law enforcement authority to 23 Inspectors General, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 5 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to continue hearings to review federal farm policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on military capabilities of the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4096, Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Amendments Act of 2000; and H.R. 4818, International Monetary Stability Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force, hearing on Fire Safety Failures of the Park Service: Caretaker of the Nation's Treasures Ineffective in Addressing Hazards, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Task Force on Welfare, hearing on Food Stamp Fraud: Why Trafficking Persists and What Can Be Done About It, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on "BBA '97: A Look at the Current Impact on Providers and Patients," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on A Review of the FCC's Spectrum Policies for the 21st Century, including H.R. 4758, Spectrum Resource Assurance Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 4747,